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STAFF COMMENT

Ms. Susan Neeley will make a presentation to the Committee concerning this program.

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STAFF COMMENTS

The Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence held its third and fourth meetings on February 10, 2005, and March 10, 2005, at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The focus of the February Commission meeting was conditions needed for educational leadership preparation programs to be effective. Dr. Kathy O'Neill (Southern Regional Education Board - SREB) discussed research concerning the preparation of educational leaders in the southern states and identified 13 success factors. Dr. O'Neill stated that Louisiana has been a pacesetter in the area of education leadership, and she provided recommendations for conditions to bolster Louisiana's efforts. She recognized the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as a university who had worked with SREB and 11 other universities in the south during the last two years to implement a pilot project that focused on creating effective educational leadership programs. Dr. Nathan Roberts, a faculty member at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, shared information about collaborative partnerships that had been created between the University and surrounding districts and how these partnerships were positively impacting ULL's new educational leadership program.

At the March Blue Ribbon Commission meeting, Dr. George Noell (Louisiana State University) presented information about the Value-Added Teacher Preparation Program Assessment Model that had previously been shared with the Board of Regents. Stephanie Desselle (Council for a Better Louisiana - CABL) and Brigitte Nieland (Louisiana Association of Business and Industry - LABI) discussed how their organizations were working to help improve education in Louisiana. Commission members considered ways in which the value added model for teacher preparation programs might be used to examine the effectiveness of educational leadership preparation programs. They also discussed ways in which CABL and LABI could help in creating conditions to support effective educational leaders in Louisiana.

On February 3-4, 2005, Regent Frances Henry attended a meeting in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by The Teaching Commission, Education Trust, and the Hunt Institute. The focus of the meeting was on the role of higher education in evaluating program completers who leave their institutions to become teachers.

On February 22, 2005, Dr. Jeanne Burns made a presentation at the annual conference for the Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in Washington, D.C., relative to efforts of universities in Louisiana to improve teacher quality.

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**EVALUATION OF REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Redesigned alternate certification programs, regular undergraduate teacher preparation programs, graduate programs for teachers, and graduate programs for educational leaders were submitted to the Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education during November 2001 for Cycle One Evaluations, April 2002 for Cycle Two Evaluations, September 2002 for Cycle Three Evaluations, February 2003 for Cycle Four Evaluations, March 2004 for Cycle Five Evaluations, and September 2004 for Cycle Six Evaluations. These programs were assessed by external evaluators and reports which contained the recommendations of the external evaluators were disseminated during January 2002, June 2002, December 2002, April 2003, April 2004, and December 2004.

STAFF COMMENTS

The BoR/BESE/LAICU Program Review Committee met on February 2, 2005 to review the program rejoinder submitted by the University of Louisiana System for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In addition, the BoR/BESE/LAICU Program Review Committee met on March 2, 2005 to review the program rejoinders for the following universities: Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Louisiana Tech University, Nicholls State University, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Grambling State University, and Louisiana State University at Shreveport. After reviewing all information, the committee determined that the universities had addressed the stipulations of the external evaluators.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. *The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.***
- 2. *The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at Louisiana Tech University.***
- 3. *The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the B.A. program in Art Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1302) at McNeese State University.***

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D)

- 4. The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Nicholls State University.***
- 5. The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at University of Louisiana at Monroe.***
- 6. The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Grambling State University.***
- 7. The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport.***
- 8. The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the Non-Master/Certification Only Program in Mathematics Education – Grades 6-12 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.***